

What is claimed is:

1. A method for recommending television programs, comprising:  
obtaining a list of one or more television programs;  
providing said list of programs to at least three different program recommenders,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ ;  
obtaining for each program on said list a set of recommendation scores,  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  and  $S_3$ , from each of said recommenders,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ ;  
generating for each program on said list a combined recommendation score,  $C$ , computed by applying a voting process to each said recommendation scores  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  and  $S_3$ ; and  
recommending the program to a user by presenting said combined recommendation score,  $C$ , to said user.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said recommendation scores  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  are implicit recommendation scores  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$  and  $I_3$  for said one or more programs.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said voting process is based on a stochastic method.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein said stochastic method comprises a Bayesian method, a hierarchical decision tree method, a memory based learning process, a rule based learning process, a neural network or a hidden markov model.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein said stochastic methods are combined according to a combination scheme comprising a unison scheme, a majority scheme, a trust scheme, an averaging scheme or mixtures thereof.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein said combined recommendation score,  $C$ , enables the user to select a television program of interest.

7. The method of claim 2, further comprising generating at least an explicit recommendation score,  $E$ , for said one or more television programs; and  
generating a combined recommendation score,  $C_e$ , computed by applying a voting process to each of said implicit recommendation scores and said explicit recommendation score,  $E$ .

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising generating at least a feedback score  $F$ , for said one or more television programs; and  
generating a combined recommendation score,  $C_f$ , computed by applying a voting process to each of said implicit recommendation scores, said explicit recommendation score and said feedback score.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said voting process is based on a stochastic method.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein said stochastic method comprises a Bayesian method, a hierarchical decision tree method, a memory based learning process, a rule based learning process, a neural network or a hidden markov model.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein said stochastic methods are combined according to a combination scheme comprising a unison scheme, a majority scheme, a trust scheme, an averaging scheme or a mixture thereof.

12. A method for recommending television programs, comprising:  
obtaining a list of one or more television programs;  
obtaining at least an explicit recommendation score, E, for said one or more television programs;  
obtaining at least an implicit recommendation score, I, for said one or more television programs;  
obtaining at least a feedback recommendation score, F, for said one or more television programs;  
generating for each television program a combined recommendation score, C, based on applying a voting process to each said explicit recommendation score, said implicit recommendation score and said feedback recommendation score;  
and  
recommending said combined recommendation score, C, to a user by presenting said combined recommendation score, C, to said user.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein said voting process is based on a stochastic process.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein said process comprises a Bayesian method, a hierarchical decision tree method, a memory based learning process, a rule based learning process, a neural network or a hidden markov model.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein said stochastic processes are combined according to a combination scheme comprising a unison scheme, a majority scheme, a trust scheme, an averaging scheme or a mixture thereof.

16. The method of claim 12, wherein said combined recommendation score, C, enables said user to select a television program of interest.

17. A system for obtaining a recommendation for a television program for a user, said system comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

obtain a list of one or more television programs;

provide said list of television programs to at least three television program recommenders,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ ;

obtain for each television program on said list a set of recommendation scores,  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  from each of said recommenders,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ ;

generate for each television program on said list a combined recommendation score, C, computed by applying a voting process to each of said recommendation scores  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  and  $S_3$ ; and

recommending said combined recommendation score, C, by  
presenting said combined recommendation score, C, to a user.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein said voting process is based on a stochastic method comprising a Bayesian method, a hierarchical decision tree method, a memory based learning process, a rule based learning process, a neural network or a hidden markov model.

19. The system of claim 17, wherein said stochastic processes are combined according to a combination scheme comprising a unison scheme, a majority scheme, a trust scheme, an averaging scheme, or a mixture thereof.

20. A system for obtaining a recommendation for a television program for a user which comprises:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor

configured to:

obtain a list of one or more television programs;

obtain at least an explicit recommendation score, E, for said  
one or more television programs;

obtain at least an implicit recommendation score, I, for said one  
or more television programs;

obtain at least a feedback recommendation score, F, for said  
one or more television programs;

generate a combined recommendation score, C, based on applying a voting process to each said explicit recommendation score, said implicit recommendation score and said feedback recommendation score; and

recommend said combined recommendation score, C, to a user.

21. The system of claim 20, wherein said voting process is based on a stochastic method comprising a Bayesian method, a hierarchical decision tree method, a memory based learning process, a rule based learning process, a neural network or a hidden markov model.

22. The system of claim 21, wherein said stochastic processes are combined according to a combination scheme comprising a unison scheme, a majority scheme, a trust scheme, an averaging scheme, or a mixture thereof.